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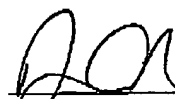
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-55 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Larnard et al. , U.S. Patent No. 5,086,772. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Examiner has maintained this rejection based on a single algorithm presented in the reference. Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly indicate that rhythms are first classified as benign or non-benign. If benign, the process continues in the normal mode. If non-benign, then the device switches to a different processing mode, employs a different set of evaluation criteria and further evaluate the rhythm. None of this is remotely suggested or implied in the reference. As such, Applicant respectfully requests a withdrawal of the rejection and an indication of allowable subject matter. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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